

A Blessing and a Covenant
Genesis 9:1-13

Feeling a constant sense of _____ is no way to live. Many of God's promises help _____ the fears that come with the disasters and near-fatal experiences of life. God's blessing of and covenant with Noah were intended to help him _____ fear.

The world had turned its back on God, and a terrible judgment was coming. But Noah and his family survived on the ark for about 1 year and 10 days. Noah and his crew must have suffered many _____ thoughts. And when they exited the ark, much had _____. Trauma. Uncertainty. Change. Noah and his family were early candidates for the diagnosis of _____.

But God staged an intervention. First, He _____ Noah and his family with the _____ blessing with which He had blessed Adam and Eve. God knows how our past and our sins can cause us to think we no longer _____ for God's blessings. But remember, people may _____ or _____ God, but He will never unfriend or block you." (see **1 Samuel 12:22** and **John 10:28**). He is a God of the ____ _____.

God, also, established a covenant—a _____. He would never again destroy the earth with water. And God offered the sign of a rainbow.

When something bad happens to us, or we behave in a way that later we regret, we tend to think, "this is going to _____ _____. It's who I am." You feel _____ to fail, get hurt, or repeat a destructive behavior hurting yourself or others. Satan loves to promote such thinking and feeling. But the rainbow is God's way of saying, "the _____ doesn't have to be the past—that He is making all things new." (see **2 Cor. 5:17**)

No matter what failures and floods come your way, God will never _____ or block you. And whatever your past hurts or failures or sin may be, your history isn't doomed to repeat itself. In Christ, God is always in the _____ and _____ business.